



EXHIBIT 10  
DATE 4-12-13  
HB SB 282

Dear Committee Members

HBO and our producing partners at Playtone (Gary Goetzman and Tom Hanks), as well as our Director, John Curran, along with the Montana Film Office and the previous Governor's office, have committed more than four years of concentrated efforts toward developing the production of the six part mini-series LEWIS AND CLARK, based on the novel *Undaunted Courage* by Montana writer Stephen E. Ambrose. This story deserves to be filmed, in large part, in Montana, where so much of the journey of discovery actually took place. However, with a threat to Montana's Big Sky on the Big Screen Act from HB 581 and SB 282 that would repeal the film tax incentives, the four years of development work for a Montana shoot will be lost. HBO would have to pull out of Montana and look for a business climate that would better suit this project.

Our goal is to film in Montana in the summer of 2014, where we would feature the unspoiled nature and epic landscapes and in doing so spend nearly \$20 million dollars. While Montana's tax incentive is modest compared to other states, this tax credit is critical to the production budget and our Executive Producers cannot afford to stay in the state without it.

We urge you to remove this repeal item from the HB 581 and SB 282 and keep Montana a film friendly state. We see great things for the state of Montana as a backdrop for this production. Productions like this have not only provided short term economic impact in the form of jobs, but also have provided a long term economic impact due to tourism growth. This could have a positive impact along Montana's portion of the Lewis and Clark Trail. We believe that LEWIS AND CLARK is as much a Montana story as it is an American story and we hope that you will do everything in your power to keep this production in your amazing state.

Please do not hesitate to call and discuss our production plans,

Sincerely,

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